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**Sharon Winslow Erickson Selected as City Auditor
*Silicon Valley Native Brings Experience and Integrity
to Role as San José's Independent Fiscal Watchdog***

SAN JOSE – Mayor Chuck Reed and the San José City Council today selected Sharon Winslow Erickson as San José City Auditor.

“Sharon Winslow Erickson brings a wealth of experience and a solid track record of integrity and fiscal responsibility that will serve the City of San José well in her new role as City Auditor,” said Mayor Chuck Reed.

Erickson has served as City Auditor for the City of Palo Alto, California, since July 2001. Prior to her current position, she spent 12 years as an auditor for the City of San José and was a Supervising Auditor during her final four years with the organization. She is a graduate of Stanford University, a Certified Internal Auditor, and a Certified Government Financial Manager. In July 2004, the *Palo Alto Weekly* labeled her “the most trusted person in City Hall.”

“I look forward to applying my skills and experience again in San Jose,” Erickson said. “I am committed to honest, efficient, effective, and fully accountable city government and am eager to work with the City Council and staff in the Auditor’s office to serve the people of San José.”

A native of Silicon Valley, Erickson and her husband, Leif, live in Palo Alto in the home in which she grew up. They have two grown sons.

Under San José’s City Charter, the City Auditor is appointed by the City Council and provides independent oversight to monitor operating and capital budgets, the use of tax dollars, and City and Redevelopment Agency activities and programs. Findings and recommendations developed through the audit process help save tax dollars, increase revenue, and improve the management of City and Redevelopment Agency programs.

Erickson’s start date will be March 10, 2008.

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